

To whom it may concern,

I would like to object to rule changes that would increase the number of stations any one company can own, whether it be radio, T.V. or newspapers. In Connecticut, many of the local stations and newspapers have been purchased by large corporations from around the country with no connection or responsibility to the state. Since local ownership of the media is lacking and competition diminished, the diversity and quality of reporting, writing and programming has plummeted. In particular, the major commercial radio stations are owned by a couple of remote corporations and are simply awful. There is no diversity or competition since the market is controlled by a few. Unfortunately, the same companies control the concert venues thus creating a virtual monopoly. Local cultures and talents do not have an opportunity within their own state and are lost. Like wise the news media is limited, controlled and poor at best. The news items are biased and limiting in scope. One must actively search out critical, revelant and detailed news items and information because what is offered locally is so poor. This is a result of a few corporations controlling the local as well as the national media outlets.

Again, please do not increase the amount of stations or media outlets which any one corporation can own. Reducing the number would be preferred.

Independent, diverse, local media sources are critical to any democracy.

Sincerely

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